

## REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 set forth in the August 20, 2002 Office Action, applicants elect, without traverse, for the continued prosecution of Group I, claims 1-5, drawn to a magnetostriction control alloy sheet having a magnetostriction after softening and annealing between  $(-15 \times 10^{-6})$  and  $(25 \times 10^{-6})$ , classified in class 148, subclass 300+. Claims 6 and 7 have been canceled without prejudice.

By virtue of this Amendment and Election, claims 1-5 are the only claims pending. Applicants reserve the right to later file a divisional application directed to the non-elected canceled claims.

Because no period for reply was specified in the August 20, 2002 Office Action (copy enclosed herewith as Exhibit 1), it is believed that no extensions of time are required, and this Amendment and Election is timely filed before the six (6) month due date of February 20, 2003. If it should be determined that for any reason either an insufficient fee or an excessive has been paid, please charge any insufficiency or credit any overpayment necessary to ensure consideration of this Amendment and Election for the above-identified application to Deposit Account No. 16-1805.

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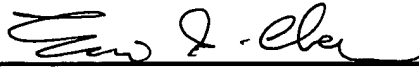
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Further action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 6 and 7 without prejudice.